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SUBJECT: INTERIM GUIDANCE ON BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

1. IN RESPONSE TO TRIALS THIS WEEK OF SOVIET DISSIDENTS GINSBURG, SHCHARANSKIY AND PETKAS, ADMINISTRATION IS CONDUCTING A HIGH-LEVEL CONTINUOUS REVIEW OF ALL COOPERATIVE EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES WITH THE USSR. ON JUNE 14, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS BRIEFED EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF BILATERAL TECHNICAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS, AND ICA, ON INTERIM GUIDELINES TO BE FOLLOWED AT THE PRESENT TIME IN IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENTS. GUIDELINES ARE GIVEN BELOW FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

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2. (A) FOR THE PRESENT, HIGH-LEVEL OR HIGH-EXPOSURE VISITS OR ACTIVITIES WILL BE DEFERRED OR CANCELLED. VISITS OR ACTIVITIES MAY FALL INTO THIS CATEGORY BECAUSE OF THE RANK OR PROMINENCE OF THE INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED, OR THE SUBJECT MATTER.

(B) TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL

EXCHANGES SHOULD GO FORWARD.

(C) WITHIN THE RESTRICTIONS GIVEN ABOVE, WORKING-LEVEL ACTIVITIES SHOULD PROCEED, SUBJECT TO THE DECISION OF THE INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS.

(D) AT THE SAME TIME, NO NEW PROJECT COMMITMENTS WILL BE MADE TO THE SOVIETS, UNLESS THERE IS A STRONG U.S. INTEREST.

3. LUERS ASKED EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES TO REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE OVER THE DAYS AHEAD, AS SPECIFIC QUESTIONS OF SCHEDULING AND PROGRAMMING ARISE. ANY CHANGE IN THE GUIDELINES WILL, OF COURSE, BE TRANSMITTED IMMEDIATELY TO EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES. CHRISTOPHER

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